

**Subject:** GM's Message plus Clean Streets Heroes, LADWP Reform Forum and Earth Day LA

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## GM's Message 03.25.16

I hope our newsletter finds you well. It was a pleasure to join Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Josh LaFarga and President Leonard Shaffer today at the Board of Public Works to honor our Neighborhood Council Clean Street Heroes Jesus Banuelos from Pico Union Neighborhood Council and Diana Medel from Wilmington Neighborhood Council.



The Board of Public Works, led by President Kevin James, were rightfully complimentary about both Jesus and Diana's community clean up activities. Many thanks to Jesus and Diana for being wonderful leaders in their community, Commissioners LaFarga and Shaffer and the Board of Public Works for recognizing their work and our staffer Octaviano Rios for capturing their stories so nicely in great videos by ITA! You can learn more about their terrific work in the article below.

For those Neighborhood Councils working on their Community Impact Statements on the proposed DWP Reform ([Council File 16-0093](#)) the Pat Brown Institute is hosting an information session [insert link to flyer] next Tuesday, March 29th, at the Deaton Civic Auditorium of LAPD Headquarters. Our BFF Raphael Sonenshein, Executive Director of the PBI will host a panel that includes DWP Manager Marcie Edwards and Neighborhood Council DWP MOU Oversight Committee, Tony Wilkinson. Mayor Eric Garcetti will also be there to deliver opening remarks. For more information, see the article below from Tony.

While [Chatsworth Neighborhood Council](#) had a very successful selection process with nearly 400 stakeholders voting, I am sad to share that board member, Mary Kaufman, passed away. Mary was a passionate leader in the Chatsworth equestrian community, and we bonded over the fact that we both rode Tennessee Walking horses. She was the main organizer of the CNC's annual Day of the Horse festival, which falls on April 17th this year. You can read more [about Mary's life here](#). We'll miss you, Mary!



EmpowerLA's Director of Policy and Government Relations, Mike Fong, and Funding Manager, Mario Hernandez, graduated from the Los Angeles Fire Department's Leadership Academy yesterday.

We were happy to celebrate with them and their families at their graduation. I really appreciate the extra work that Mike and

Mario took on to take this 4 month class, which ends with a 20 page paper, while also continuing with their regular workload. Thank you, too, to the LAFD for continuing to offer this amazing course to City employees for free!

Don't forget that the Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance meets tomorrow. Also, we'll be closed on Monday, March 28th, in observance of Cesar Chavez Day. Have a great weekend!

Best,  
Grayce Liu,  
General Manager  
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (aka) EmpowerLA  
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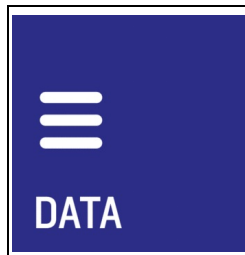


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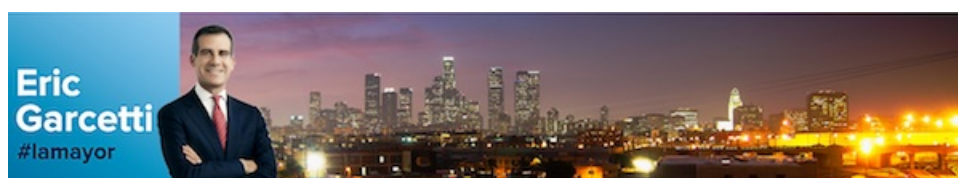
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Control Panel



## Mayor's Message

Mayor Eric Garcetti recently announced a city-wide effort to help prepare employers and employees for an L.A.'s minimum wage increase that is due to take effect in July...

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**Public Works Recognizes  
Neighborhood Councils for their  
Clean Streets Work**

The Board of Public Works welcomed two additional Neighborhood Council Cleans

## Making Sense of DWP Reform



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FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

*Unleashing the Power of Participation*

**L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti To Deliver Opening Remarks**

**LADWP Reform Forum on  
Tuesday, March 29th at 6:30 pm**

*Written by Tony Wilkinson (Panorama City NC and North Hills East NC) on*

Streets Heroes today...

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DWP Reform and Neighborhood...

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Please join us for LA Sanitation's first annual citywide

## EARTH DAY LA

ZERO WASTE - ONE WATER

Hansen Dam Park  
11770 Foothill Blvd.  
Lake View Terrace

Saturday, April 23, 2016  
9am to 2pm  
FREE ADMISSION!



**Community Meetings: Learn about Metro's plan to ease traffic**

**Earth Day LA - April 23, 2016 at Hansen Dam**

**Community Meetings: Metro's plan to ease traffic**


Greetings Neighborhood Councils! LA Sanitation is hosting our very first citywide Earth Day celebration...

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Yesterday, the Metro Board of Directors approved the release of Metro's Draft Expenditure Plan (The Plan)...

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### Seeking valued input for your community



Come share your ideas on how we can do even more for animals and people in our City.




**LA Animal Services is seeking your input**

Los Angeles Animal Services is seeking [your valued input](#) to help plan a future in which we can do even...

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### Urban Placemaking for the City of Los Angeles

**a talk with Portland's Mark Lakeman**



Ronald F. Deaton Auditorium: 100 W 1st St Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Tuesday, March 29th | 4:00pm - 5:30pm

- Successful strategies for transforming public spaces from car-centric to people-centric
- Accelerating culture change within public agencies
- Learning and practicing effective tools for continuing people and planet healthy change

**Urban Placemaking for the City of LA**

There is an 'Urban Placemaking for the City of Los Angeles' talk happening on Tuesday, March 29th...

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